

WI-234
Mills-Phippin House
Allen
Private

c. 1840

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Mills-Phippin House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-234

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition
1815-1870
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-234

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mills-Phippin House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3474 Allen Road not for publication

city, town Allen vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Judy A. Peterson

street & number 3474 Allen Road telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1326

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse Map 56, P. 194, Lot 1
folio 616

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Elihu Phippin house, also known as the Mills-Phippin house, is located at 3474 Allen Road at the intersection of Residential Drive in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1850, the story-and-a-half frame house is supported by a brick pier foundation and it sheathed with a layer of vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Standing behind the house is a single-story garage.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows which are replacements. The entrance is filled as well by a replacement door. Sheltering the first floor is a modern (1988) square post front porch covered by a nearly flat roof. The second floor is lighted by small, square proportioned windows which are replacements as well. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. An interior brick chimney rises through the roof.

The north gable end of the house is marked by a paired six-over-six sash window on the first floor and a single four-over-four sash window on the second floor. The end of roof is finished with an extended eave with short returns at the base.

A shed roof porch covers the west (rear) wall of the main block, which is pierced on the first floor by glazed door and adjacent replacement window. The second floor is lighted by two squarish windows filled with new sash.

Attached to the south gable end of the house is a single-story wing covered by a nearly flat roof. A paired window marks the gable end above the kitchen wing.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house deserves listing in *Category B*, particularly due to its significance as one of the oldest structures remaining in the village. The Mills-Phippin house contributes to the historic nature of the village.

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Mills-Phippin House
3474 Allen Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

1326/616 Ephraim Adkins

to

2/12/1993 Judith Ann Peterson
described as Lot No. 1 of Block A of
"Passerdyke Village Section One" on a Plat
thereof by Harold W. Hampshire 6/25/1990
MSB 8/17-65

AJS 1029/48 M. Wilson Snow
William Perry Desmond, Trustee

to

1/30/1985 Ephraim Adkins
Plat AJS 7/89-354

998/370 Robert E. Bounds

to

9/29/1983 Robert E. Bounds
Valerie L. Bounds

Reservation of a life estate of Mary Louise
Insley Bounds

AJS 996/782 Richard S. Bounds
Mary Louise Insley Bounds

to

7/20/1983 Richard S. Bounds
Mary Louise Insley Bounds
"Porter Lot" "Isaac D. Jones Lot"

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Chain of title continued

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JWTS 584/26

Carroll E. Bounds
Irene S. Bounds

to

4/10/1964

Richard S. Bounds
Mary Louise Insley Bounds

JWTS 584/24

Richard S. Bounds
Mary Louise Insley Bounds
J. Harold Bounds
Joie R. Rounnds

to

4/10/1964

Carroll E. Bounds

JWTS 405/188

W. F. Messick Ice Company

to

3/2/1956

Richard S. Bounds
H. Harold Bounds

JWTS 311/514

Seth B. Taylor
Carroll E. Bounds, Trustees

to

9/9/1949

W. F. Messick Ice Company \$ 1875.00
Decree of Circuit Court 5/20/1949
- Daisy R. Davidson and others omplainants
- Annie Phippin and others defendants
No. 7702 Chancery Case

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Benjamin F. Messick
Mary I. Messick

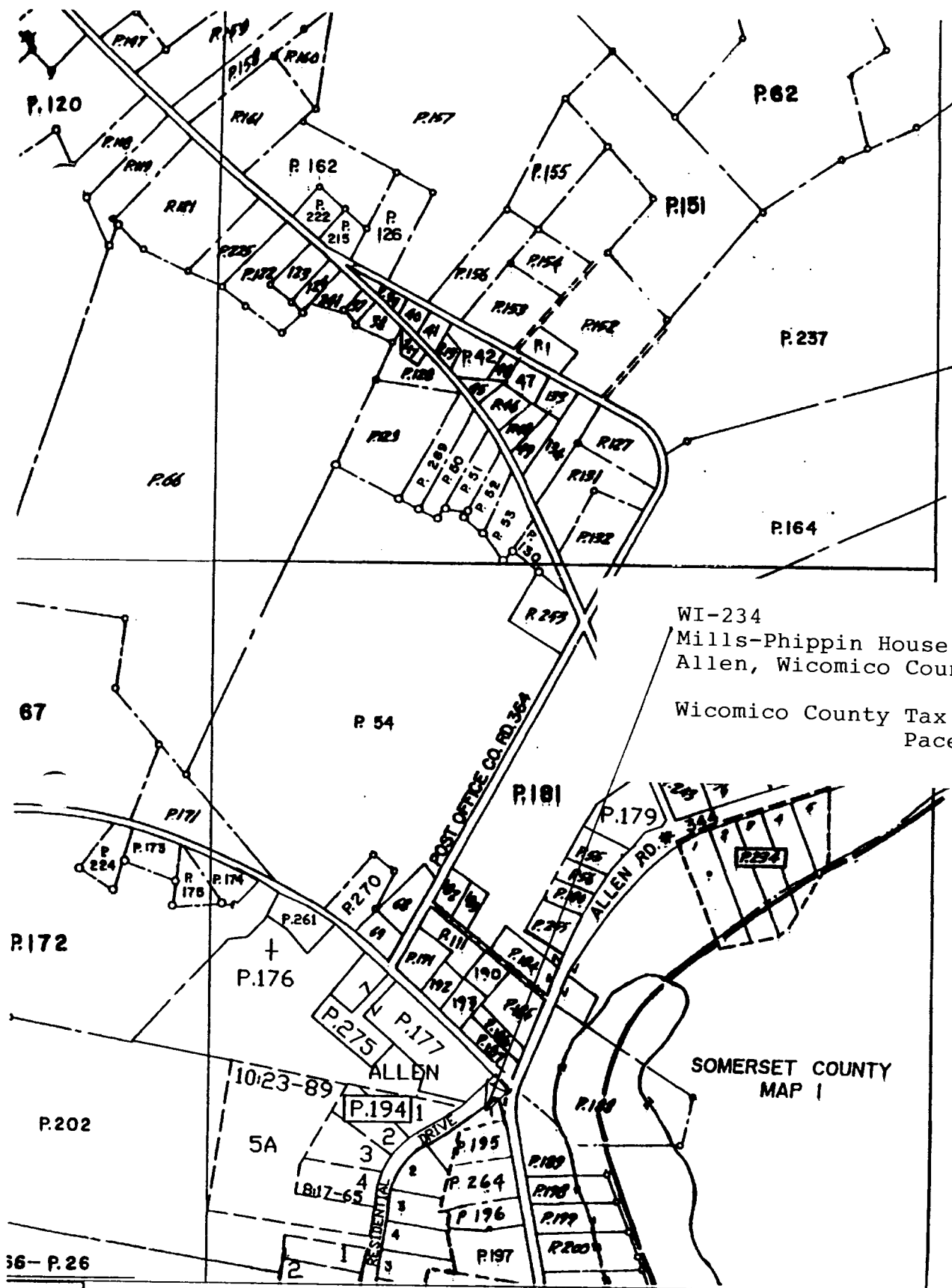
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6/11/1887

Martha Mills

\$250 "Porter Lot"

"Isaac D. Jones Lot"



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Wicomico County Tax Map 56
Parcel 194, Lot 1

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697222mN
5152421mE

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

1175

1178

MAP NO.
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E DISTRICT BUSINESS REF- ERENCES.

UEBB, Dealer in Dry Goods, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, ware, Assware, Ready-made Clothing, and Berry Baskets in season, Notions, &c. Is of Merchandise usually kept in a country fruitland, Md.

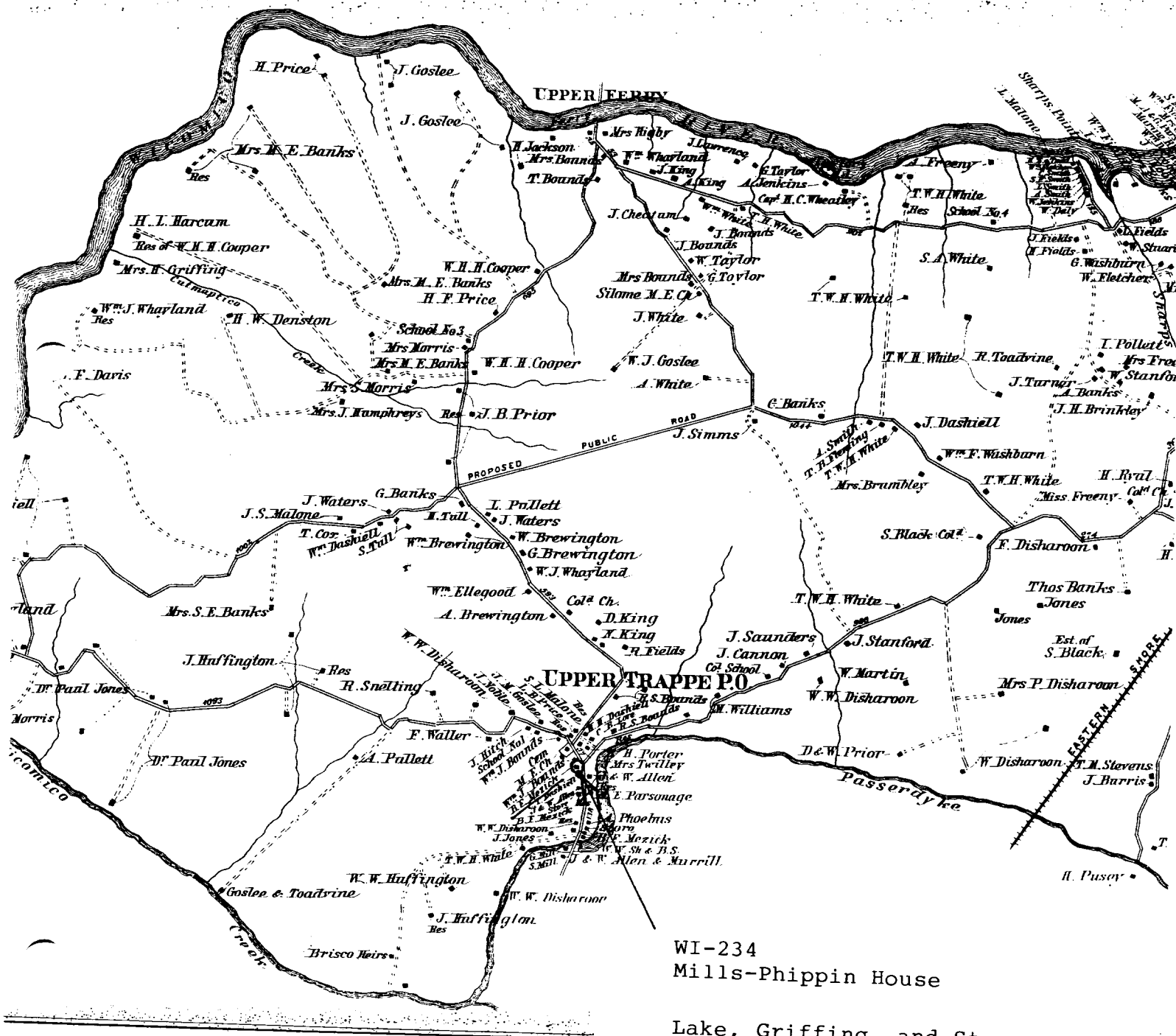
BY, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, re, Notions, &c. Eden, Md.

LANY AND SONS, General Dealers Shippers of all kinds of Domestic Fruits etables. Also dealers in all kinds of Mer- adapted to a village store. Fruitland, Md.

LEIN, Dealers in Dry Goods and Groce- ment Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Glass, Drugs icines, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, and Goods usually kept in a country store. cash or Produce. Upper-Trappe, Md.

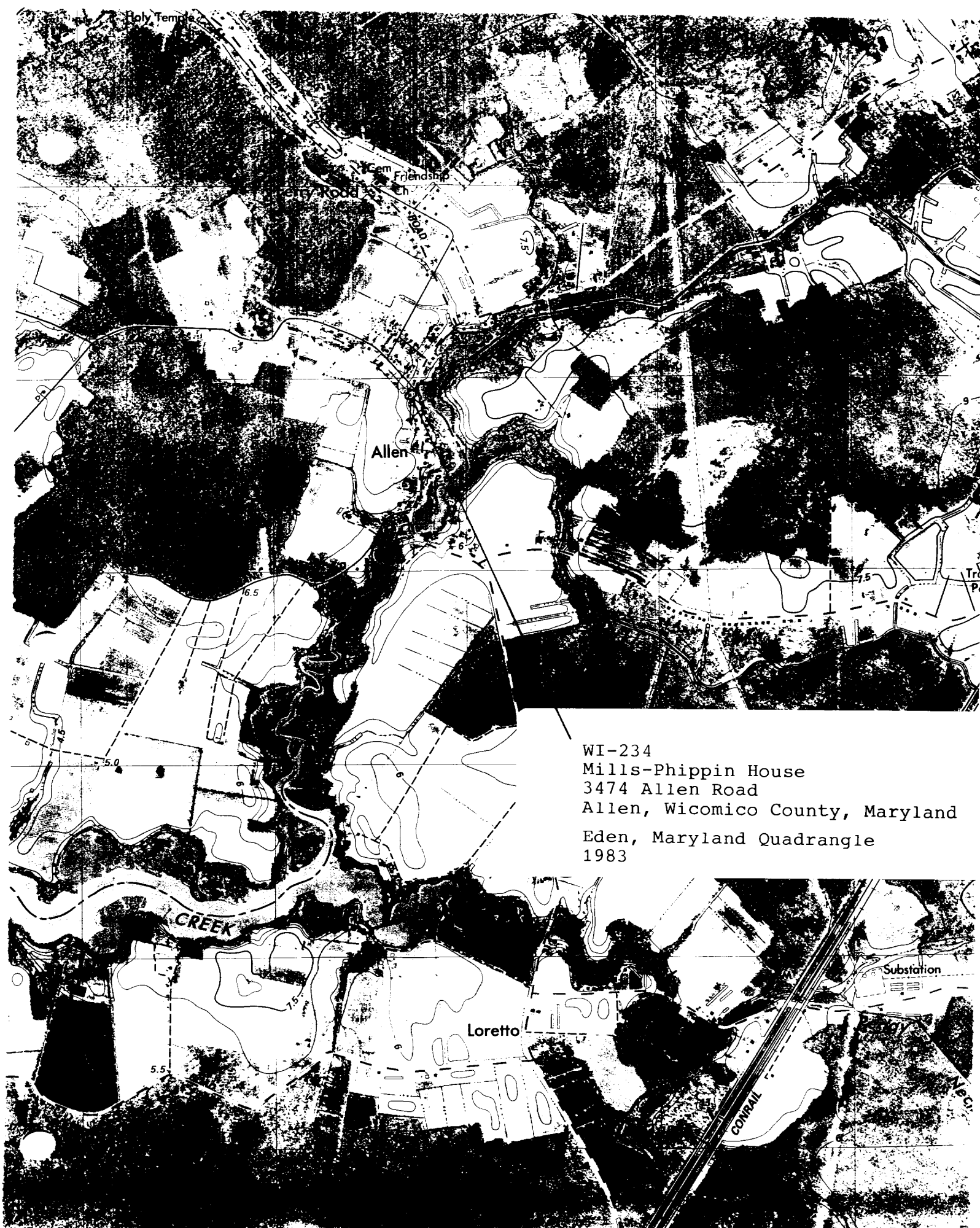
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Dist.No.7
WICOMICO CO.



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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3474 Allen Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

42°30"

4°39'

(PRINCESS ANNE)
5860 II NW
SCALE 1:24 000

40°

4°42'



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MILLS-PITPPAN House

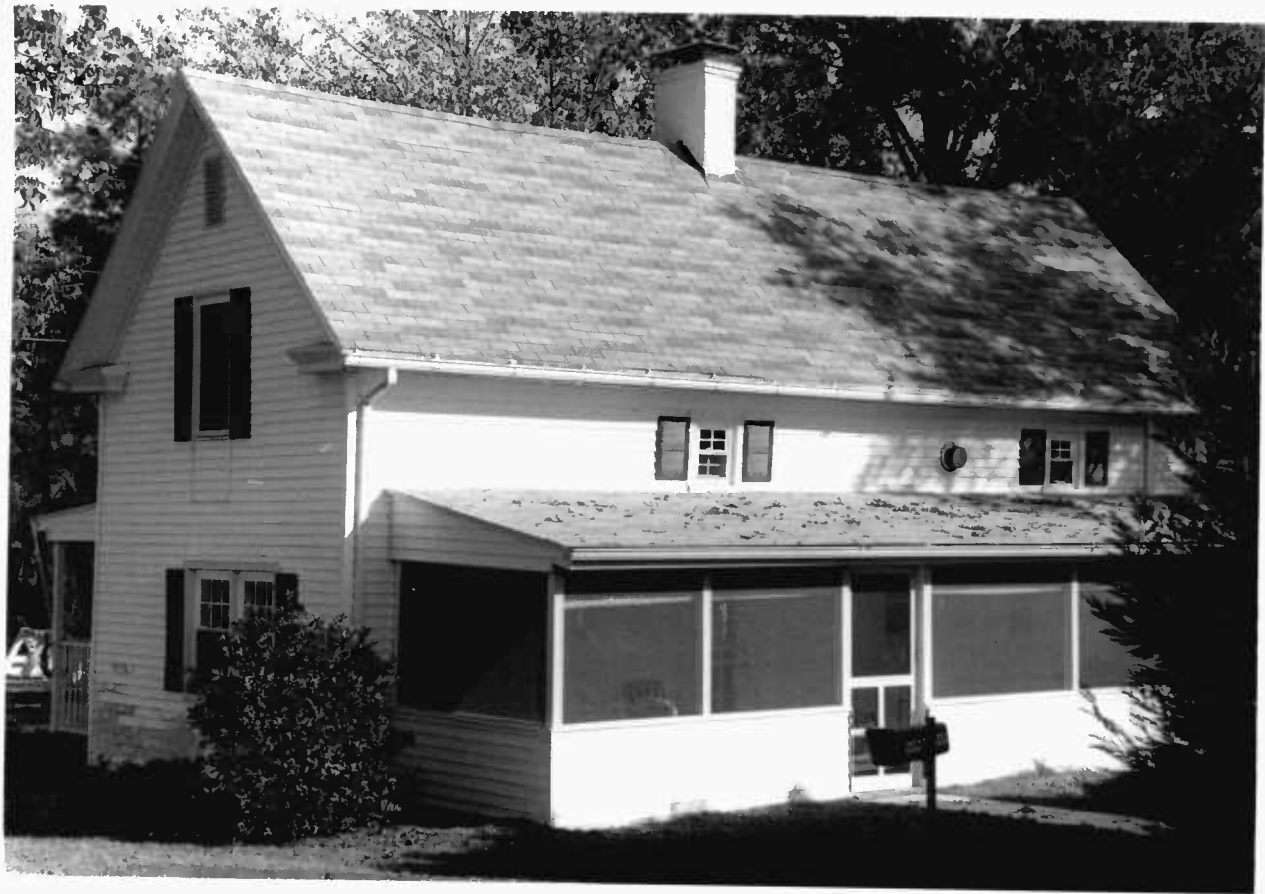
Allen, Wicomico County, Md.

NORTHERN ELEVATION

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WES / MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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Allen, Wicomico County, Md.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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